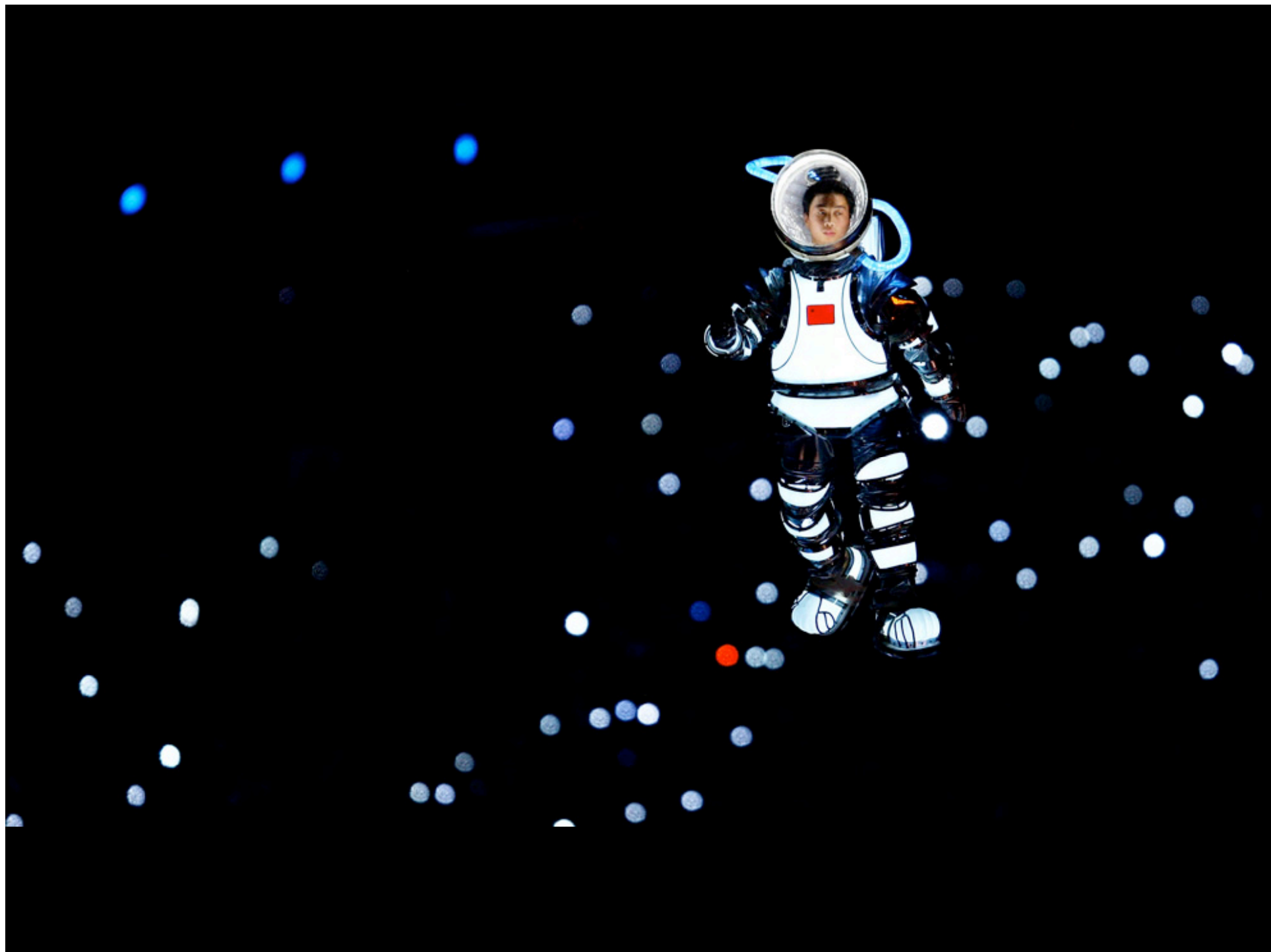




Beijing 2008TM



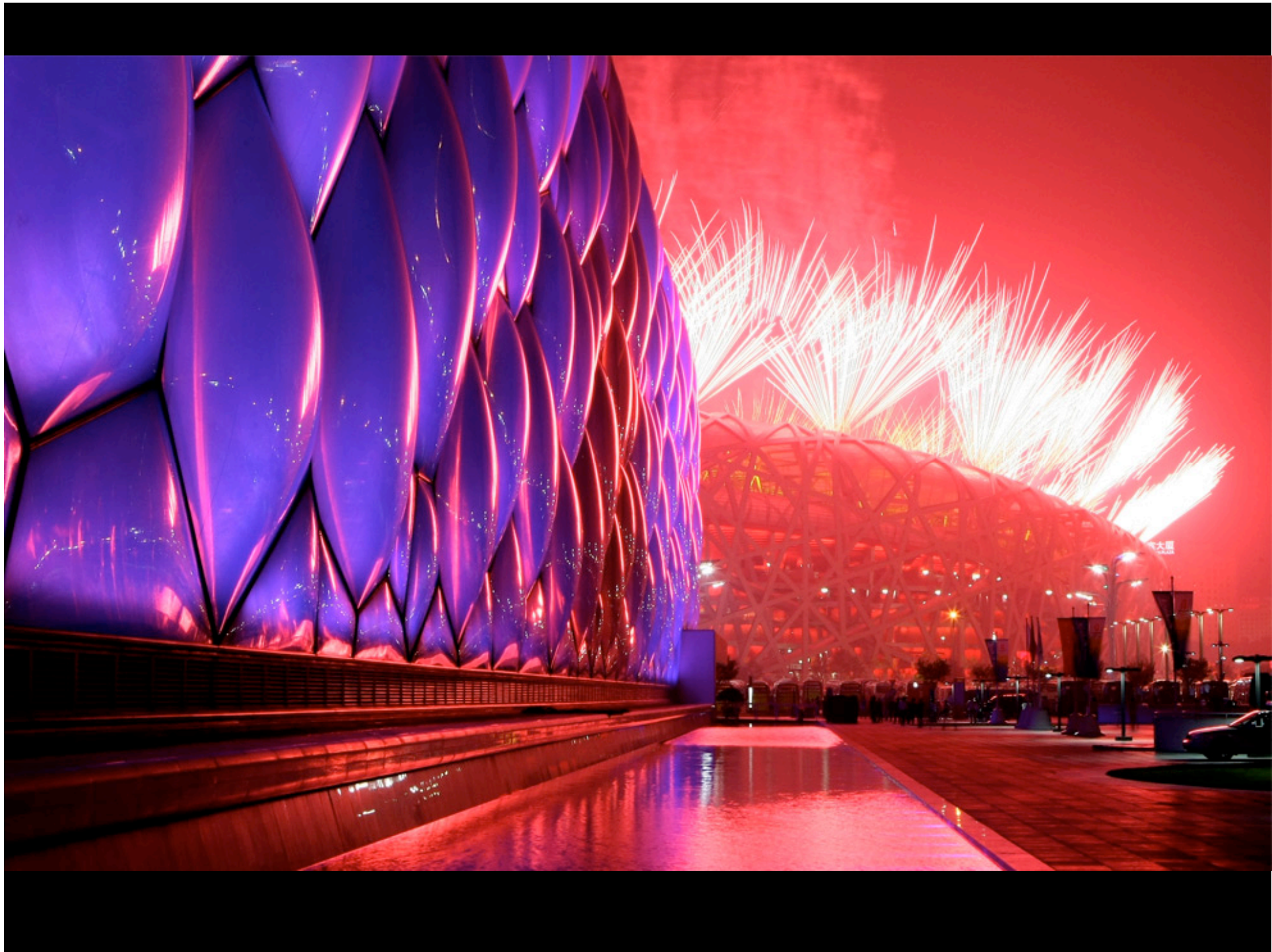












INSIDE THIS WEEK: A SPECIAL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL BANKING

The Economist

MAY 15TH 2009

www.economist.com

Why the smart money is on Hillary

Pakistan, on the edge

Chrysler: the great used-car sale

Will Russia ever be a friend?

Time to get rid of a few species

America's fear of China



"China is a great challenge to the United States, and maybe one of the most important challenges,"

"To make sure that China doesn't think of challenging us militarily, we should increase the size of our military,"



"Of the major and emerging powers, China has the greatest potential to compete militarily with the United States and field disruptive military technologies that could over time offset traditional U.S. military advantages absent U.S. counter-strategies."



ACTS 16:22-36

and the magistrates ordered [Paul and Silas] to be stripped and beaten. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.



²⁴Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.



²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.



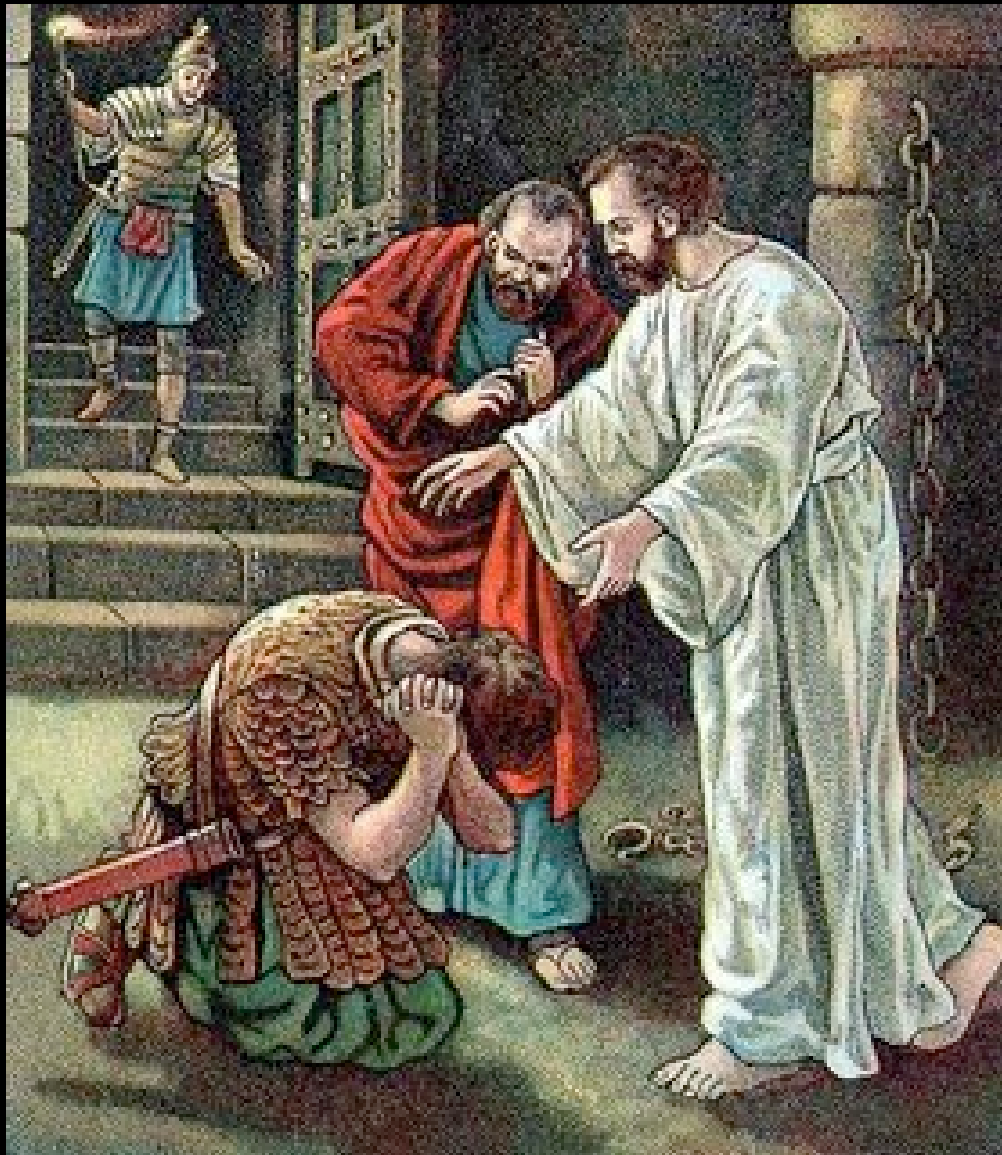
²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.



²⁷The jailer woke up,
and when he saw the
prison doors open, he
drew his sword and
was about to kill
himself because he
thought the prisoners
had escaped.



²⁸But Paul shouted,
"Don't harm yourself!
We are all here!"

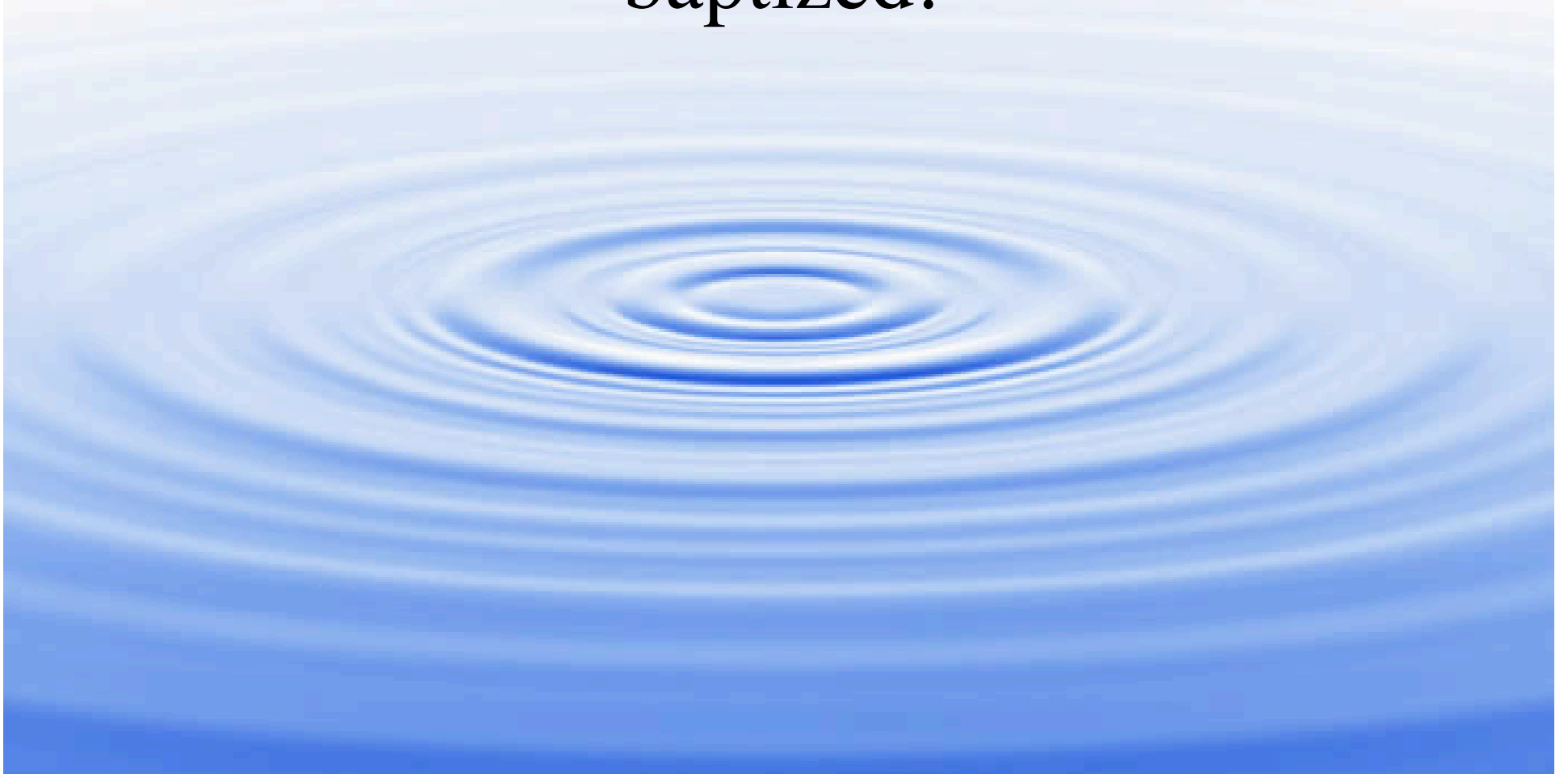


²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"



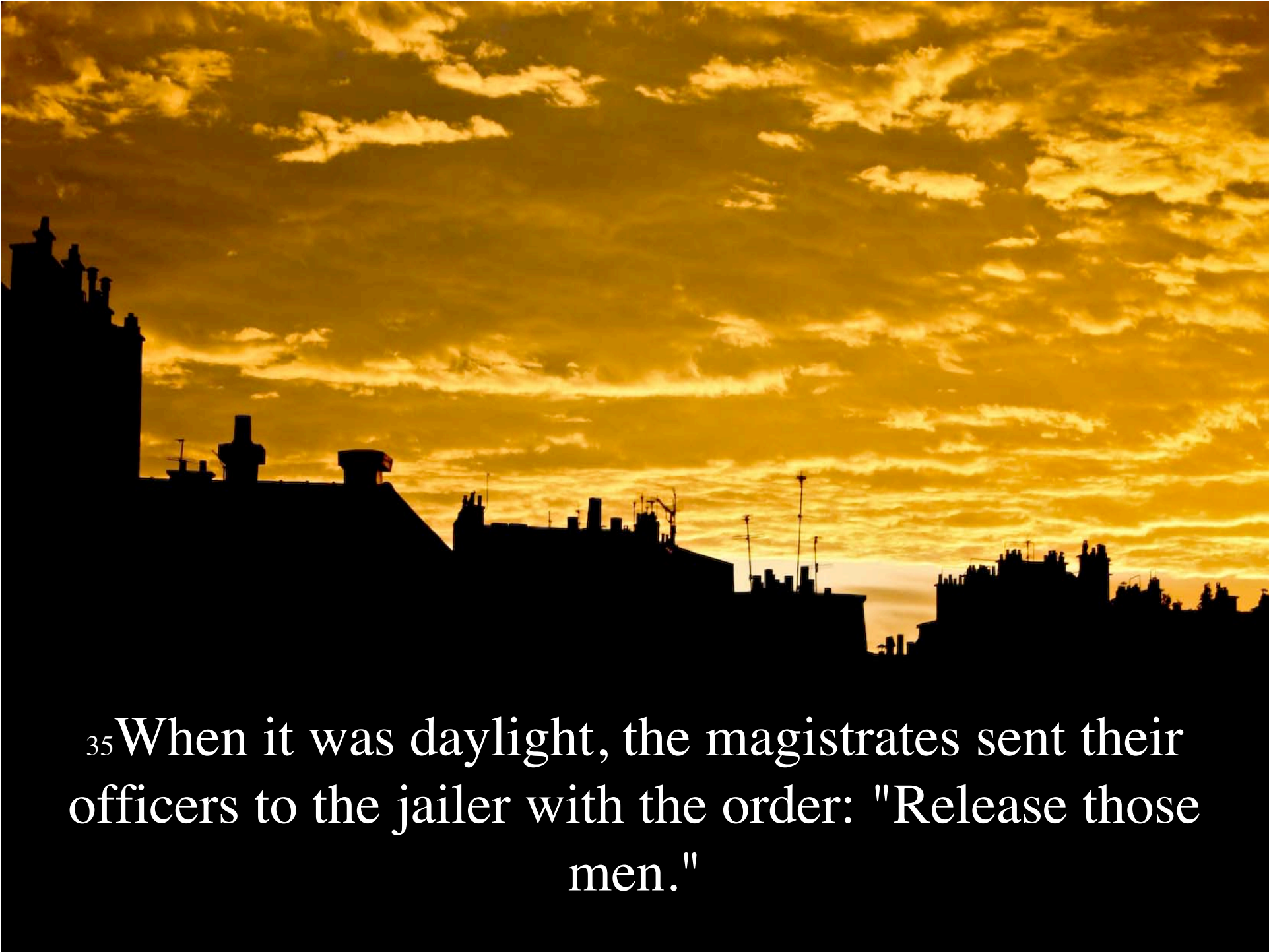
³¹They replied,
"Believe in the Lord
Jesus, and you will be
saved—you and your
household." ³²Then
they spoke the word of
the Lord to him and to
all the others in his
house.

33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.



³⁴The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

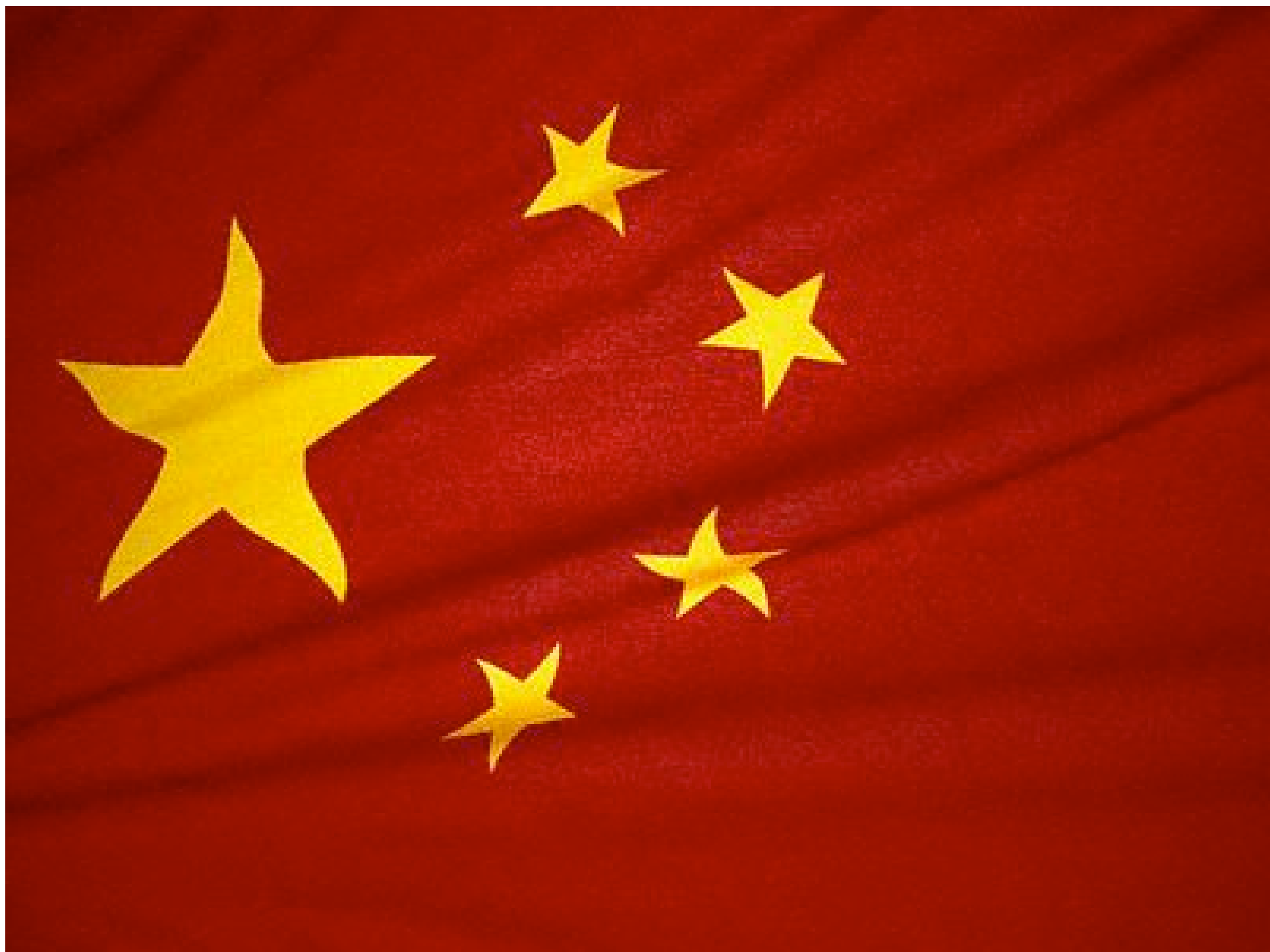




³⁵When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men."

³⁶The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."







He [Kerry Brown] told Reuters that a chief weakness [of China] is deep-seated social inequality and poverty,

particularly among the hundreds of millions of migrant workers “on whose sweat, blood and tears modern China is built” but who today are disenfranchised



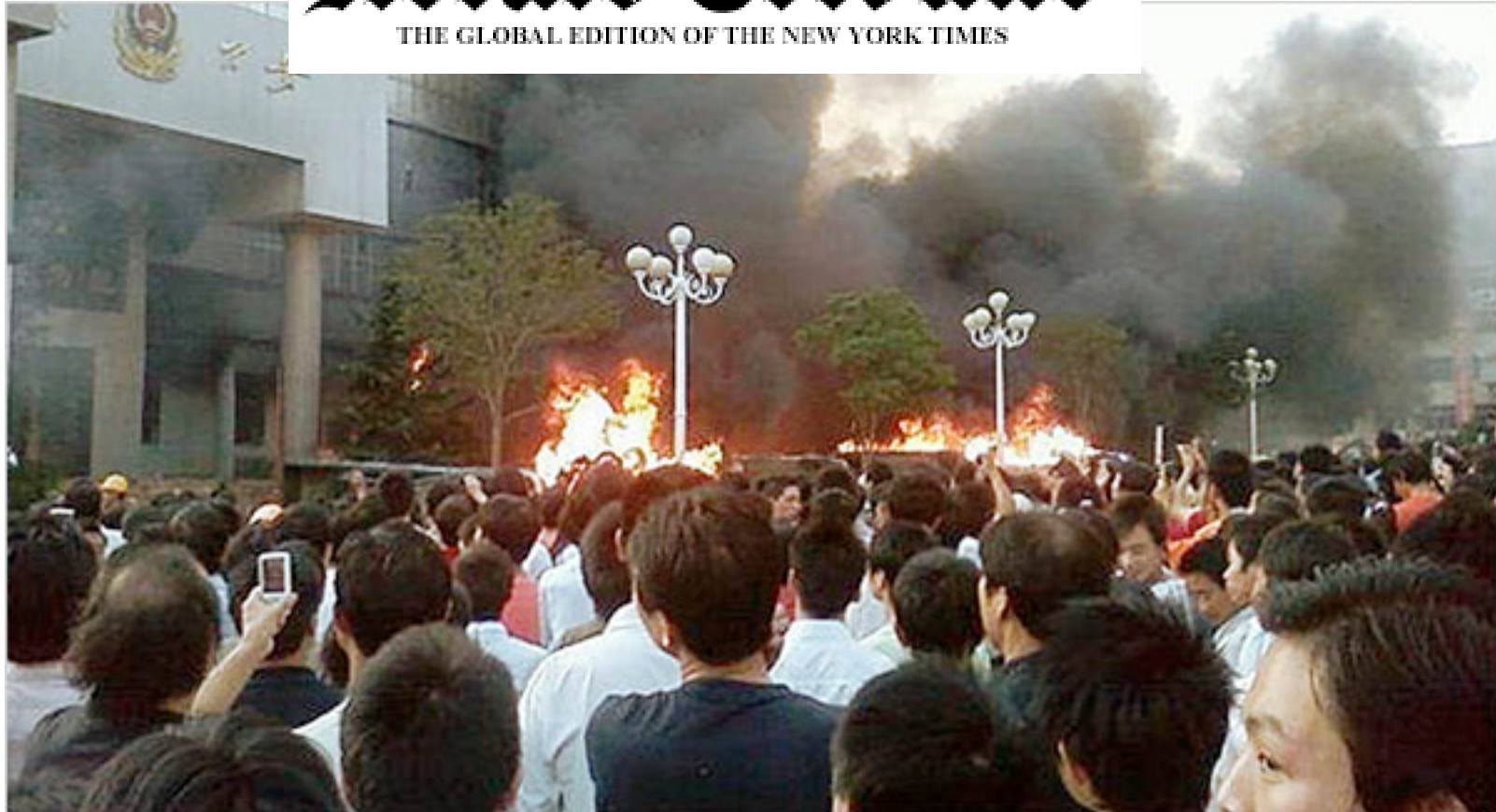
REUTERS



"If you practice exclusion, you risk the future of your country. You risk terrorism, violence."

- "*Jesús Caldera*"

INTERNATIONAL
Herald Tribune
THE GLOBAL EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES



“Tens of thousands of mass protests and riots take place each year in China”



The Games are about much more than sport, of course. For one analyst, the picture of China's Communist Party basking in national triumph amid glittering stadiums could be a "Sputnik moment"

--akin to the emerging Soviet Union's stunning launch of a satellite in 1957 - one that, for many in the West, will inspire as much fear as admiration.



REUTERS

And yet that picture glosses over the fragility of a nation beset by pollution, energy strains, social unrest and rural poverty, all of which were laid bare in the run-up to the Games. *John Chalmers*



REUTERS

Creating Moments of Influence:

by not allowing your
fear, hatred, or anger
to taint your
perspective.



²⁷The jailer woke up,
and when he saw the
prison doors open, he
drew his sword and
was about to kill
himself because he
thought the prisoners
had escaped.



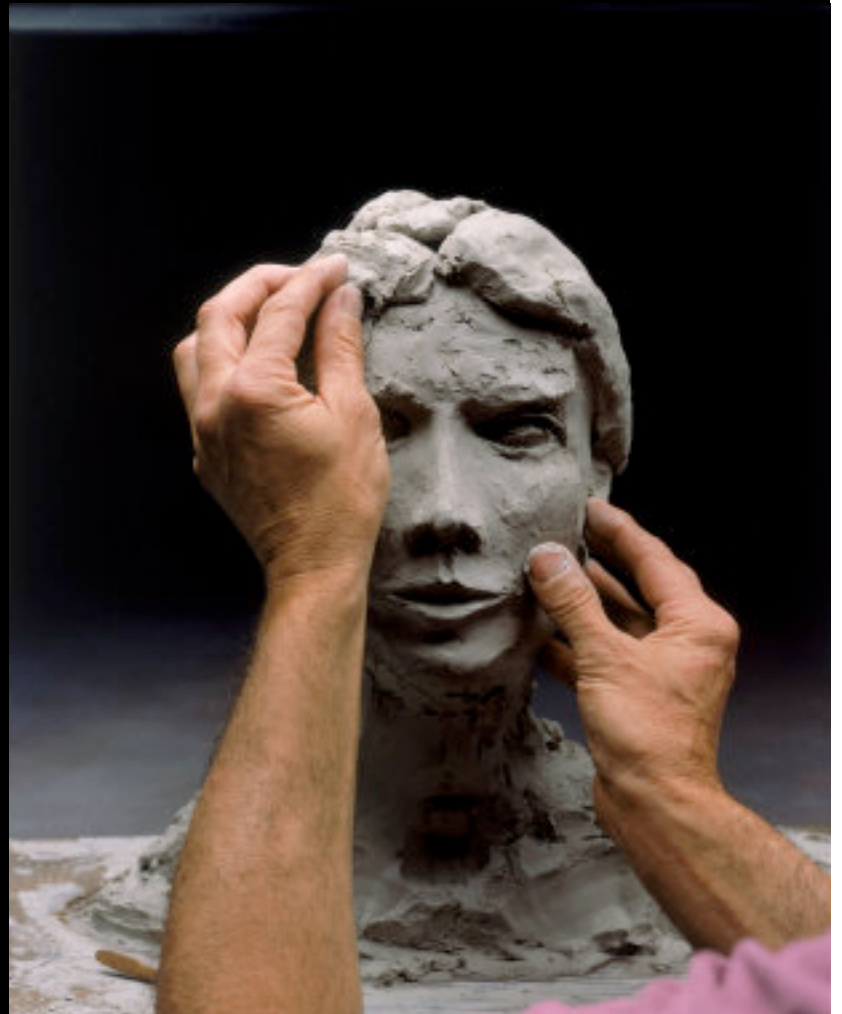
Παυλος και Σιλας εν τη φυλακη.
Paul & Silas in prison.
Paulus und Silas in dem Gefängnis.
Act. XVI, 24. PAULUS ET SILAS IN VINCULIS.
Gevangenis van Paulus en Silas.

²⁸But Paul shouted,
"Don't harm yourself!
We are all here!"



Creating Moments of Influence:

By pouring out love
to the broken



²⁷The jailer woke up,
and when he saw the
prison doors open, he
drew his sword and
was about to kill
himself because he
thought the prisoners
had escaped.



²⁸But Paul shouted,
"Don't harm yourself!
We are all here!"





AP







THIS IS NOT A GAME



Despite Flaws, Rights in China Have Expanded



The New York Times

Creating Moments of Influence:

By embracing &
Including

